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Pennsylvania 2007 Vegetables for Processing Intentions

HARRISBURG, PA, Apr 17, 2007 - - Processors in **Pennsylvania** intend to contract slightly more acres of snap beans in 2007, according to the Pennsylvania Field Office of USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service.

Snap bean processors intend to contract 9,900 acres of snap beans in 2007, up 100 acres from 2006.

United States' processors expect to contract 1.20 million acres of vegetables in 2007 for the nation's five major vegetable crops (snap beans, sweet corn, cucumbers for pickles, green peas, and tomatoes), virtually unchanged from last year. Contracted acreage decreases are forecast for snap beans, sweet corn, and green peas, while cucumbers for pickles and tomatoes show increases. Freezing firms expect to contract 380,780 acres, down 1 percent from last year. Acreage for snap beans and sweet corn is down 3 percent and 5 percent, respectively. Green pea acreage is up 5 percent from last year. Canneries contracted for 818,460 acres, up 1 percent from 2006. Acreage increased for cucumbers for pickles and tomatoes, up 9 percent and 8 percent respectively. Acreage declined for sweet corn and green peas, down 6 percent and 15 percent, respectively. Snap beans are virtually unchanged from last year.

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